



CAMPUS ROAD BLOCK: Students enforcing a Marlboro, Vt. town meeting rule, stop automobiles from entering Marlboro College campus after the faculty, students and the administration adopted the restriction as a protest against pollution in this southern Vermont town. Cars may no longer enter the campus

except for reasons of "health or safety," and in that case they must be preceded by a pedestrian bearing a red flag or a lantern at night." Banning cars is a step in the direction of putting people back in touch with the natural possibilities that surround the college," senior John Fago said. (AP Wirephoto)

Many House Members May Duck Parochiaid Test Vote

LANSING (AP) — Bored by more debate and harassed by lobbyists and letter-writing constituents, the Michigan House planned to sit down to be counted again today on the paralyzing issue of parochiaid.

The House convened at 9:30 a.m., but floor action on parochiaid was not scheduled until 2 p.m. as House Republicans called a last-minute caucus at mid-morning.

Amid the usual flurry of contradictory pre-tally predictions, there remained the ironic fact of politics that today's vote would be only preliminary; actually only one decision on one proposed amendment to de-

lete parochiaid from a 1970-71 school aid bill valued at slightly more than \$1 billion in the form now before the House.

MAY DUCK VOTE
Parochiaid's ultimate fate lies with a House-Senate conference committee that is expected to be called to work out differences between the two chambers. Thus, there were predictions that many legislators might decide to duck today's vote rather than open themselves to renewed pressure before a final vote on the total bill later this week.

At issue today was whether public tax revenues, amounting to some \$22.25 million, should be given to private, principally sectarian schools to help pay salaries of teachers of non-religious subjects such as biology, French or mathematics. The State Constitution mandates legislative support for "free public" schools only.

At stake are the prospects for renewed action on Gov. William G. Milliken's sweeping education reform package if parochiaid finally passes. If it does not, there is the possibility that unknown numbers of parochial schools may close. Legislators themselves must weigh their own survival chances if they make an unpopular choice on parochiaid in this election year.

FORCED BY CAUCUS
The issue's political implications have caused numerous false starts and postponements, and it was only a caucus decision Tuesday by Republicans, most

of whom opposed parochiaid in the past, that forced today's vote on the issue.

Eight months ago, 43 Republicans and 15 Democrats outvoted nine Republicans and 41 Democrats on the same issue: whether or not to strip parochiaid from this year's school aid bill.

That decision marked a personal defeat for Democratic House Speaker William A. Ryan

of Detroit, for whom the issue has all but overshadowed other priorities of the last two years.

Milliken, who vacillated on the issue then, endorsed it in his education reform program this fall, leading the GOP-dominated Senate to pass it by a two-vote margin in December.

LACK SUPPORT
But neither Milliken nor Ryan attracted widespread support within the ranks of their own

parties.

In the Senate, three Democrats went to court, complaining their chamber acted unconstitutionally in passing the measure without a two-thirds majority. They lost, but a three-judge panel left the door open for later review.

House Minority Leader Robert E. Waldron, R-Grosse Pointe, continued to oppose parochiaid

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Buchanan Funds Will Aid Others

Parents Of
Leukemia Victim
Donate \$3,658

BUCHANAN—The \$3,658 raised last summer by citizens here to aid leukemia victim Stuart Don (Buddy) Batterson, 17, of 4175 Chamberlain road, now will help other young people.

The State Department of Public Health announced today that the Michigan Crippled Children's fund will receive this money. The department reported that the money was donated to the fund by Buddy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Batterson.

Buddy, was a junior at Buchanan high school when he became ill with leukemia, a disease of the bloodstream, in February, 1969. Buddy died at University hospital in Ann Arbor, last July 24.

COMMUNITY JOINS IN

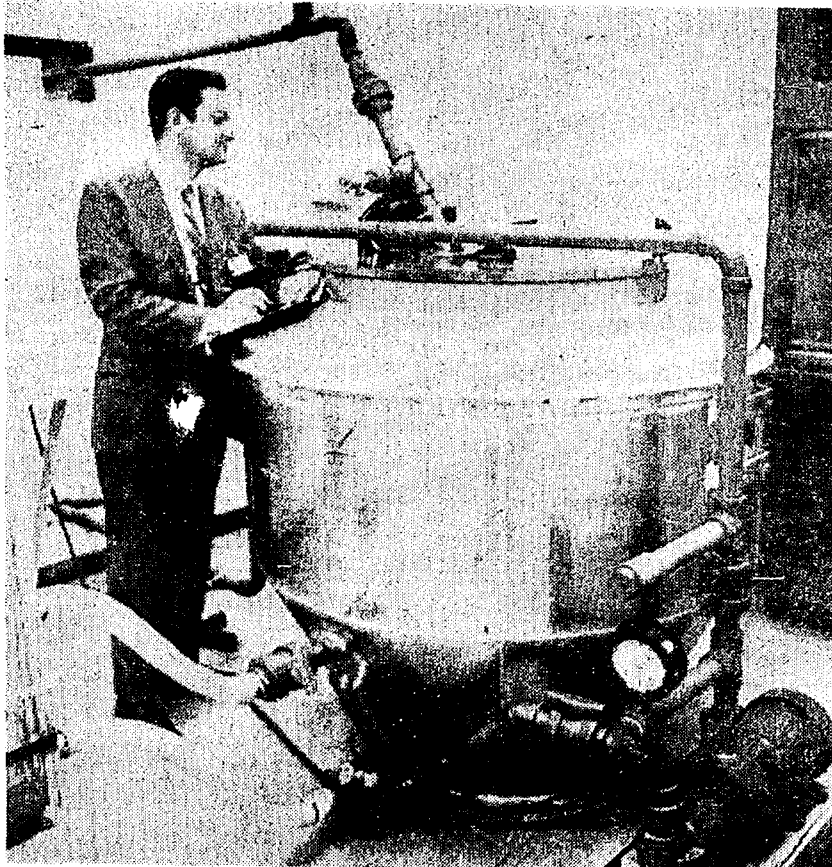
An appeal here to help the family defray medical expenses resulted in community projects which had raised the \$3,658. Canisters were placed in stores and there were rummage and bake sales, a dance, car wash and bowling event. Coordinating the events here were neighbors of the Batterson family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ellis, State Health department spokesman summed up the donation simply: "Michigan Crippled Children's fund will receive more than \$3,600, because citizens in Berrien county were concerned about a young man."

Mr. Batterson this morning said community events raised the total of \$3,658 to help defray expenses. However, Batterson said Medicaid and the Crippled Children's funds covered all the expenses, so the Batterson family decided to put the donated money to good use for others.

Dollar Day Special Cookie Sale 59c Doz. Second doz. 9c. Variety donuts 89c Doz. Wilson's Bakery. Adv.

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STEP TOWARD ANTI-POLLUTION: J. C. White, manager of a General Electric company program, checks a disposal system which GE scientists say may be the solution to turning raw sewage into "heat, water, water vapor and a little bit of inert ash." The system, they say, could have broad application in the battle against pollution. (AP Wirephoto)

Debate Stalls Elderly Tax Break Plan

By JACQUELINE KORONA
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP)—A proposal to give elderly citizens a \$17 million tax break remains caught in a crossfire of Senate debate over how far Michigan's budget can be stretched.

The Senate was expected to continue discussion of the election-year tax issue when it convened at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, the Senate boosted the homestead exemption for taxpayers over 65 from the current \$2,500 to \$3,000 and included provisions to increase the maximum amount an elderly person may earn from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and remove the requirement that his property be valued at \$20,000 or less, to qualify for the exemption.

The Senate took no final action on the bill or amendments.

Discussion of the bill got under way only after a two-hour Republican caucus which resulted in a GOP move to send the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee for fiscal study.

Minority Democrats, bolstered by six Republican votes, ward off that move, noting the appropriations committee traditionally has been a "burying ground" for some legislation.

O. Zollars, R-Benton Harbor, pledged the bill would be "back on the floor by Tuesday night with all the fiscal information that can be gathered by then."

"We must find out if this will fit into the budget with existing revenue," Zollars argued. He said he expected to see an advance copy of Gov. William Milliken's proposed 1970-71 budget—due for release next week—so he could review the

situation.

Milliken said in his State of the State message that lawmakers would have to come up with some \$143 million in additional revenue to pay next year's bills.

"If it doesn't fit into the budget, it is the implication that it won't come out of committee," asked Sen. Sander Levin, D-Berkeley.

Levin pointed to Senate passage last fall of a more than \$1 billion state school aid bill for 1970-71. "If you can vote yes on a multibillion-dollar school aid bill, you can vote yes on a few million dollars for senior citizens," he said.

Levin quoted from a booklet he waved at colleagues: "About 750,000 of our citizens are over 60 years of age. Thousands of

age last fall of a more than \$1 billion state school aid bill for 1970-71. "If you can vote yes on a multibillion-dollar school aid bill, you can vote yes on a few million dollars for senior citizens," he said.

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REPUBLICANS AWAIT NIXON ALTERNATIVE

House Will Vote On Veto Today

GOP Leaders Confident Of Victory

By JOHN BECKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Republicans in today's House vote to override President Nixon's veto of the \$19.7 billion health-education bill sought last-minute assurances the administration would come up with an acceptable alternative.

An Associated Press poll prior to this afternoon's scheduled vote showed many of the 86 GOP representatives who voted for the bill when it passed the House Dec. 22 awaited such assurances before deciding which way to go.

Of 80 Republicans reached, 36 said they were awaiting the administration's alternative plan; 26 said they would vote to sustain the veto and 18 said they would vote to override.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY
Republican leaders had said they were confident they had the 145 votes to defeat the attempt to override if all House members vote.

Democrats said even if they lost the battle they still would make the bill a major campaign issue in the November elections. Leaders of both sides said the end result would be good for them at the polls.

Rep. Albert H. Quie, R-Minn., said Tuesday the White House had agreed to accept a \$442 million funding level in a new bill for the crucial impact aid section allocating funds to school districts which have heavy enrollments because of federal installations.

"WRONG AMOUNT"
Nixon, in vetoing the bill, told the nation Monday the \$12 billion more than he requested in the measure was inflationary. He took special aim at \$600 million for the impacted aid when he said the measure provided "the wrong amount for the wrong purpose and at the wrong time."

The President originally proposed \$292 million for the impacted aid.

Republican congressmen went into the vote torn between loyalty to the GOP president and pressure from home for the health and education funds as provided in the \$19.7 billion measure. School officials said the veto could cause havoc and health authorities warned research programs would be crippled.

In his veto message to Congress Nixon did not mention any new figure as acceptable. He criticized the program as unfair in its distribution of funds and badly in need of reform but said he would guarantee that no school district receive less than 95 per cent of its 1969 total budget because of reductions in impact aid.

FIRST IN DECADE
This was the first time in a decade for Congress to attempt to override a presidential veto. In 1960 the legislators over-



RING FOR SUPPER: Ever since the mid-19th century, swans at Bishop's Palace, in Wells, Somerset, England, have rung bell at the moat for their daily food. Here two swans named Billy and Bella wait for tidbits from gatekeeper Arnold James after ringing the bell Monday. Gatekeeper's dog, Kim, watches. The daughter of Lord Auckland, Bishop of Bath and Wells, started the training of the swans in the 1850's and succeeding generations have rung for their supper. (AP Wirephoto)

Suspect Denies His Confession

BH Man In Jury Trial On Shooting Charge

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old Benton Harborite accused of trying to murder a 14-year-old girl repudiated his confession Tuesday and declared his innocence on the Berrien circuit court witness stand.

A dozen jurors in the court of Judge Julian Hughes were expected to hear closing arguments and decide today whether to believe Jerry Guest, Jr., of 325 Lincoln street, or Guest's written confession to Benton Harbor police in the Nov. 11 shooting of Janet Mounsey.

Janet, now 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mounsey of 366 John street, Benton Harbor, and an 18-year-old sister, Roberta, were unable to

identify their assailants.

NAMES ANOTHER

Guest named Joe Lee Cook, 22, of 664 Territorial road, Benton Harbor, as the gunman who shot Janet through the lower right side on the night of Nov. 11 when Janet and Roberta were accosted on Territorial road by two men the girls assumed to be robbers.

Janet was hospitalized two weeks. Cook is not named in any charges in connection with her shooting but is held on charges of armed robbery and attempted murder in what police believe are related cases.

Guest's confession, admitted into evidence Tuesday over the objection of court-appointed Defense Counsel S. Jack Keller, said he and Cook were together when Cook handed him a pistol and he shot one of the girls.

Guest testified Tuesday, however, that he was an innocent bystander and made the confession after being badgered at length by Benton Harbor police on the night of his arrest Nov. 14. He was told, Guest testified, that if he cooperated he might be able to attend the funeral of his stepfather, Emery Mc-

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Editorial Page

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Peaceful Dissent Gets The Job Done

Dissent to many people, has become synonymous with violence and civil disobedience. Time and again "taking to the streets" has been defended or condoned on the grounds that violent action, even though it trespasses on the rights of others, is justified as a means of overcoming the indifference of society. Public revulsion is now heading to an increasingly tough crack-down on violent revolutionary dissent.

Meanwhile, living proof that the American system is responsive to peaceful dissent exercised under the laws of the land is more than ever evident. A spectacular illustration of this is the consumer protection movement, law abiding citizens are forcing into being stringent measures that, for better or for worse, appear destined to greatly enhance the police power of government over the products and services of every business in the country.

History may give credit for promoting this revolution under the law to an individual whose name is anathema to many. He is Ralph Nader.

As Time magazine writes, "When this peaceful revolutionary does battle against modern bureaucracies, he uses only the weapons available to any citizen, the law and public opinion. He has never picketed, let alone occupied, a corporate office or public agency. Yet Nader has managed to cut through all the protective layers and achieve results. He has shown that in an increasingly computerized, complex and impersonal society, one persistent man can actually do something about the forces that often seem to badger him, that he can indeed even shake and change big business, big labor and even bigger government."

The scope of Nader's interests has become broad in the extreme. He probes and castigates government agencies and giant manufacturing concerns with equal impartiality. He has been responsible for the passage of numerous consumer protection laws. His tireless efforts, which have acted as a spearhead for millions of disgruntled consumers, reached something of a climax in President Nixon's Special Message on Consumers during which the President noted: "Consumerism is a

healthy development that is here to stay."

The President enumerated four consumer "rights". These include: the right of the consumer to make an intelligent choice among products and services; the right to accurate information on which to make his free choice; the right to expect that his health and safety is taken into account by those who seek his patronage; the right to register his dissatisfaction, and have his complaint heard and weighed, when his interests are badly served.

The consumer protection movement has become an accepted fact of life. Those responsible for turning out the products and services that maintain the U.S. standard of living readily recognize that in the future the competitive, free market system must do more than strive to satisfy customers. It must endeavor to function under the eagle eye of a growing army of federal policemen and regulators.

The question to come is whether the pendulum will swing too far toward protectionism at the expense of the benefits to be gained from maximum freedom in the marketplace. Politicians, quick to seize on consumer discontent, will seek votes by promoting measures under the name of consumer protection that may well cripple the competitive ability of manufacturers.

U.S. consumers should not forget that this nation enjoys the highest standard of living in history and is "... the envy of contemporary civilization ...". Again, in the words of Time: "Most companies have a self-interest in promoting product safety and performance, if only to induce customers to buy and buy again. Since the large majority of consumers do exactly that, businessmen understandably believe that they are producing the kind of merchandise that the nation wants. The average buyer probably gets more value for \$1,000 spent in a current mail order house catalogue than in an edition of 50 years ago."

Irrespective of the merits of the consumer protection movement and the wisdom of laws throwing the cloak of government protection around consumers, the fact remains that consumerism has demonstrated the power of peaceful law-abiding dissent.

The Original Weatherman

Among the pleasing foibles in U.S. folklore is Groundhog Day. Out in Punxsutawney, Pa., (Zip code 15767), the populace for years has made a ritual of waiting upon the woodchuck to declare himself each February 2d.

Legend has it that the groundhog emerges from hibernation on that day to test the situation above surface.

If he sees his shadow, the groundhog scurries back to its nest for another six weeks of winter napping.

If he doesn't spot his shadow, he stays on top because spring is just around the corner.

Why the woodchuck, or groundhog or sandhog as he is dubbed in various locales, captured the limelight is uncertain.

Chipmunks and gophers who abound in great plentitude, too much so to please some gardeners and lawn enthusiasts, would seem to be equally good barometers because of their hibernating habit. Ground squirrels are also winterlong nesters.

Maybe these little guys move too fast for close observation.

Anyway, the groundhog occupies the center of the stage, without benefit of weather satellites or other exotic electronic equipment concocted by man.

Though the woodchuck probably doesn't score any more accurately than the Old Farmer's Almanac, he has been in the weather forecasting trade a long time.

There is another endearing trait to him. He doesn't grin like a chesycat as do most of the TV weathermen.

For these reasons he deserves respect.

Of Men And Apes

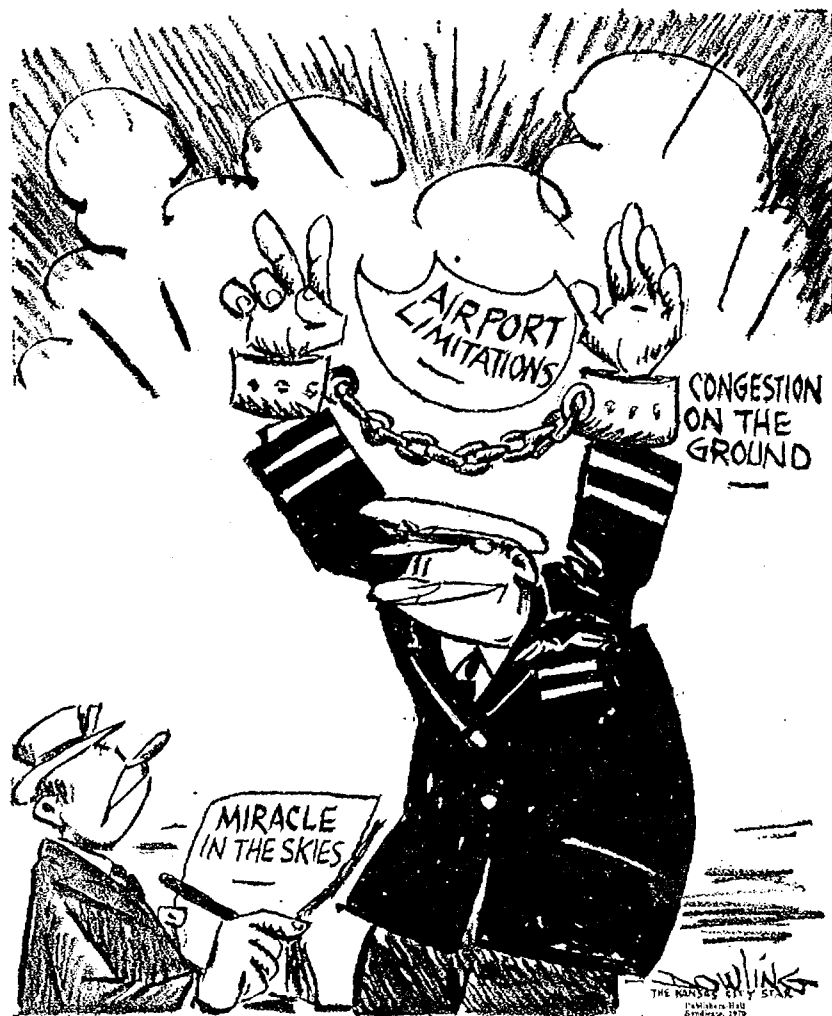
As if things weren't bad enough for us humans, along comes a new anthropological assessment of man's relationship to the apes.

We're told man and the apes may not be nearly as far apart as has been thought.

Studies conducted at the University of California at Berkeley by two scientists suggest that the time of divergence by man and ape from the common ancestor they're supposed to have shared occurred only five million years ago, and not the 30 million held by some scientists.

Humans actually should not resent too deeply this more intimate cousinship to the ape, for the closer the scientists get man to the trees, the easier it should be to explain why he acts the way he does.

'All Together, Let's Hail The Age Of The Jumbo Jet'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ST. JOHN'S FOR MERGER

The board of education of Benton Harbor St. John's Catholic school last night endorsed a merger with St. Joseph's Catholic.

Atty. Robert Vandenberg, board president, said a consolidation is viewed as "the only sensible way both financially and educationally."

INTEREST NOW AT 3 1/2 PCT.

The St. Joseph Savings and Loan Assn., today moved its dividend rate from 3 to 3 1/2 per cent.

The action follows a trend set in the closing months of 1969 in the area when most financial institutions swung into a pattern of paying higher interest rates.

RIOTS IN BERLIN

The Paris radio, quoting Stockholm reports, said today that "serious riots have broken out in the eastern and southern district of Berlin and police and SS troops were called out to quell rising waves of unrest in the Reich capital."

The Brussels radio said refugees arriving in Halle and

Frankfurt on the Oder staged demonstrations when they found no food.

NEW BRANCH

John and Gus Eisner, operators of the Yellow Cab company in Benton Harbor, have established a St. Joseph branch at the Jefferson cafe, Ship and State streets, and will maintain 24-hour service. Two new automobiles have increased their fleet to seven machines.

FRACTURED LEG

Kenneth Hess, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Press Hess of 312 Wayne street, suffered a badly

fractured leg while coasting down hill on a hand sled on the Broad street hill.

ADDS BASEMENT

Excavations are being made for a basement under the store occupied by the Havens Millinery company.

LOSS PAID

The loss suffered by Lutz and Campbell by the burning of their fishing outfit in Michigan City, Ind., has been adjusted by the insurance companies. The amount of insurance carried was \$4,700 and the policies have been paid in full.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

President Nixon left nothing to the imagination when he pointed an accusing finger at the entire citizenry for its indifference to the individual and collective waste over the

years. Waste of food, of materials, littering, carelessness in the appearance of our homes, property and community pride.

One could not listen to his words in this respect without experiencing a qualm of shame for we all are guilty of waste in one form or another. Millions of pounds of edible food such as bread, rolls, cakes, cookies, cereal foods, cooked and raw vegetables find their way into the nation's garbage containers. They could be distributed to the birds and wild life of America, simply and easily. Living high on the hog at the cost of some form of life hodes no good and eventually, like a boomerang flies back to the sender.

Waste is America's greatest evil for it deprives us of that which we desire the most, freedom from want.

Litter was mentioned in the President's address and its about high time that the communities awakened to their responsibility to see that it is stopped now. Berrien county and its communities are no exception, nor are its industries and business establishments.

Littering is the trademark of dirty minds and dirty bodies and totally unnecessary in this great nation. Severe penalties should be the retribution for violators of such a simple and easily observed mandate.

The way I look at it Nixon asks for a complete general housecleaning from top to bottom. We've been neglecting the attic and the basement too long. There is a double meaning to that last remark. The cards on the table are face up and are readable. Big, fish and small fry. No one can claim an excuse for littering.

Summed up we can translate the message thus, we, the Administration, will take care of our part in these gigantic problems, but you, the people, must do your part. Let us not add polluted minds to that of water, air and land.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS,
Bridgman.

Factographs

The American Legion was organized in Paris France.

A Swiss watch must not lose as many as three seconds a day or gain 12 to qualify as a chronometer.

DR. COLEMAN .. And Speaking Of Your Health

Are there any known treatments to control excess and often embarrassing perspiration? Sometimes even in a coldroom I suddenly begin to perspire and become absolutely miserable. It has changed my entire social life.

Mrs. E.D.C., Michigan

Dear Mrs. C: I cannot tell from your letter what your approximate age is and therefore will include some information that may not apply to you. The causes for marked unrelated to physical activity, must be tracked down before any form of treatment is suggested.

An overactive thyroid, sudden changes in heat and humidity, and some chronic illnesses may cause severe perspiration as an unexpected side effect.

Emotional tensions are probably the most frequent causes. Women in the premenopausal and menopausal phase often have sudden, unexplained bouts of flushes and perspiration. Doctors sometimes recommend a form of atropine, or belladonna, for this condition if there is no other basic physical cause. Under their direction these drugs are safe for the duration they suggest.

Some people as distressed as you are sometimes seek and find mail order drugs which may be hazardous. I have known patients who have even exposed themselves to the danger of X-ray treatments for excessive perspiration. This is a particularly dangerous thing to do.

A great deal of interesting work is being done by the behavioral psychologists on the control of severe perspiration through psychotherapy and hypnosis. If this is ever undertaken it should be done only by those who are specially trained in this technique.

I have a growth on my wrist

which has been called a ganglion. It really doesn't bother me and has only grown slightly larger in the past ten years. Do they ever become cancerous?

Mr. H.L., Indiana

Dear Mr. L.: These ganglions are cysts of the joints and tendons of the wrists and are usually filled with a thick gelatinous substance. They never become malignant or cancerous and only rarely do they become infected. If there is the slightest suspicion about it, removal under local anesthesia is simple. The tissue is then examined and its negative nature frees the patient of concern.

An interesting method of "breaking" these cysts was to whack it hard with a Bible. This has no religious implication. The Bible was chosen because it is the handiest and heaviest book in the house. This Bible therapy is rarely permanently effective.

Does trachoma occur in any part of the United States? I am writing about this in a term paper.

Mr. G. Y., Maine

Dear Mr. Y.: Trachoma is caused by a virus that seems to flourish in areas of poor hygiene and poverty. Only occasionally is trachoma seen in the United States because of our remarkable public health services. It is hoped that this disease will soon be eradicated everywhere because of the new vaccine and because of the use of antibiotics.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Tripping over maxi coats is a new hazard.

These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ A 10 5			
♥ 6			
♦ A 5 3			
♣ A 10 9 7 4 2			
WEST			
♠ Q 8 3			
♥ J 10 7			
♦ 10 6 2			
♣ 8 5			
EAST			
♠ K 9 8 4			
♥ K 8 4 3 2			
♦ J 9 7			
♣ 8 6			
SOUTH			
♠ J 7 2			
♥ A 9 5			
♦ K 8 4			
♣ K Q J 3			

The bidding:
1♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
3NT Pass 5♣ Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

There is no question that most declarers have difficulty visualizing an endplay that may not arise until possible five or even ten tricks after the opening lead is made.

The expert player quickly jumps the gap, seemingly without thought, accepting as routine the intermediate plays that lead to the end position.

Take this hand where West leads a heart against five clubs. South sees three possible losers — two spades and a diamond. He can immediately recognize

that if he leads the spade suit himself the odds heavily favor his losing two spade tricks.

Instead, he embarks on a line of play that will force the opponents to initiate the suit and thus assure the contract are divided. He starts the project by taking the ace of hearts and ruffing a heart in dummy.

He then enters his hand with a trump and ruffs his last heart in dummy. After drawing another round of trumps, he cashes the A-K of diamonds and exits with a diamond.

It does not matter which defender wins the trick or what is returned. Declarer knows the contract is safe, no matter how the cards are divided.

Thus, in the actual case, if East won the third diamond, he would have to either yield a ruff and discard or return a spade, thereby assuring South of only one spade loser.

If West won the third diamond lead, he would run into the same dead end, regardless of where the K-Q of spades were located. He would be compelled to yield a ruff and discard or lead a spade honor (which dummy would win), or return a low spade (which dummy would duck).

By looking well ahead and playing in this manner, South can be sure of the outcome from the word go.

BENNET CERF

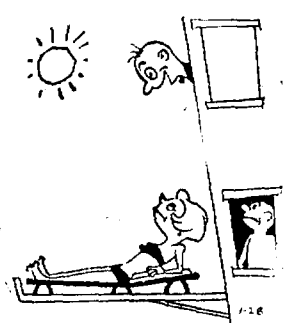
Try And Stop Me

John Hart Macy, justly renowned as Vermont's most atrocious punster, submits this new specimen of his fiendish imagination:

"Joy and Elaine's top-floor apartment had a sundock that was made to order for acquiring a head-to-toe tan — except when Mr. Boyle was home. Mr. Boyle, domiciled one floor higher or in an adjoining building, commanded a superb view of the Joy-Elaine apartment.

"One afternoon in August, Joy suggested to Elaine, 'Let's get an hour's worth of tan.' 'Not now,' disputed Elaine, 'Old Man Boyle is home.' 'But he's drunk as a lord,' pointed out Joy. 'What's that got to do with it?' asked Elaine. Concluded Joy triumphantly, 'A potted Boyle never watches.'"

Outraged because her husband had watched fourteen football games, plus seven basketball encounters on TV over the Christmas holidays, a wife in Tennessee inserted this classified ad in the local newspaper: "For sale cheap: husband, plus TV set; no reasonable offer refused." In one day, she received nine phone calls — but they all were from other wives



offering an even trade, sight unseen.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

A bowling alley, says the man at the next desk, is after all just another spare room.

The average winter climate of Puerto Rico is 73 degrees — Factograph item. They call that "winter"!

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RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1—Montevideo is the capital of what country?
- 2—Who headed American war relief work in Belgium during World War I?
- 3—On what spot did Noah's Ark land?
- 4—What was an eisteddfod?
- 5—What was the largest ancient military fortification of ancient times?

YOUR FUTURE

A year of good steady progress is foreseen. Today's child will be of a very inventive mind, shrewd, but good natured.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
NEBULOUS (NEB-ye-less)
— adjective: hazy, vague, indistinct or confused.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

In some places lightning strikes many times.

BORN TODAY

To Dr. Robert W. Holley, professor of biochemistry at Cornell, came one of the most coveted awards in the scientific field — a Nobel Prize for Medicine — in 1968.

Holley and two other Americans, H. Gobind Khorana and Marshall Nirenberg, share the award for their independent research which revealed new information about genetics and proteins.

Working at the frontier of one of the most significant developments in modern science, Holley achieved a major breakthrough

in 1965 toward understanding the chemistry of life.

By devising a method for discovering the exact structure of one of the RNA molecules (ribonucleic acid) that help build proteins in living cells, he gave the scientific world a powerful research tool that promises to lead to deeper understanding of life's processes.

He was born in Urbana, Ill., in 1922. Both parents were teachers. He attended Urbana High School, graduated as a chemistry major from the University of Illinois and continued his studies at Cornell in organic chemistry.

Dr. Holley received the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award in 1965 for "one of the great achievements of modern biochemistry."

In addition to his work on nucleic acids, his interests have included beta-lactams, peptides, plant hormones, nitrogen metabolism and protein biosynthesis.

As he said about his achievement, "Getting to the top of the mountain is what's really fun about climbing."

Others born today include Jean Piccard and Arthur Rubinstein.

IT'S BEEN SAID

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.—Shakespeare.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1915 the U.S. Coast Guard was created.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1—Uruguay.
- 2—Herbert Hoover.
- 3—On Mount Ararat.
- 4—Congress of Welsh lords.
- 5—Great Wall of China.



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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1970

RENEWAL DIRT USED TO FILL SHIP CANAL



BLUFF GOING: Earth moving equipment chops into Michigan bluff in Benton Harbor in preparation for a new street that will link Main street with River-view drive. (Staff photo)

Michigan Bluff Being Torn Down

New Road Will Loop Downtown Area In BH

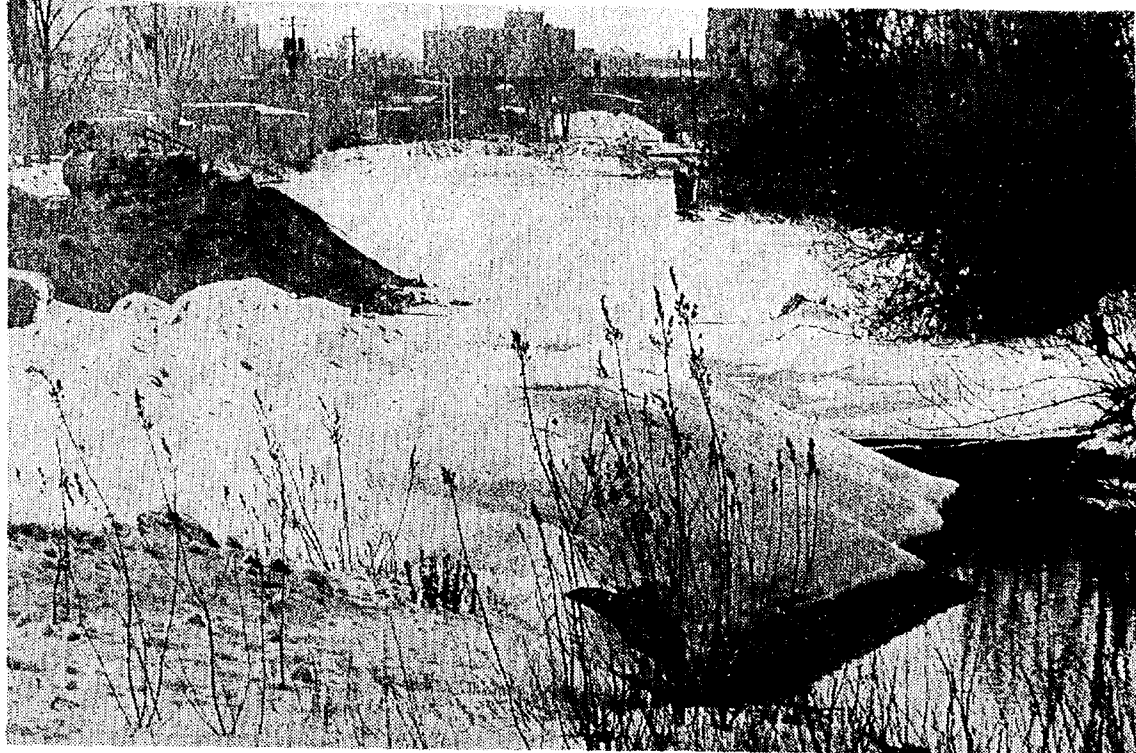
Benton Harbor's once proud ship canal Tuesday began another capitulation to automotive transportation.

Earth moving equipment tore into Michigan bluff taking the first scoops for a new road bed that will loop the downtown area.

The dirt from Michigan bluff is loaded into trucks and carried to the ship canal in a fill process designed to seal forever part of the waterway that once extended from the St. Joseph river to were the Salvation Army Citadel now stands on Water street.

Michigan street will be closed at Colfax avenue to northbound traffic from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily for the excavation which is expected to take several weeks. Southbound traffic will continue.

The roadway is being constructed under the city's urban renewal plan. It ultimately will link East Main street with Riverview drive by going from Main across Wall street, in back of city hall, cross Pipe-stone street and around the YMCA to Colfax avenue to con-



JUST A TRICKLE: Water still trickles in the remnants of Benton Harbor's once bustling ship canal as grader spreads dirt over ice covered surface. Fill is coming from excavating at Michigan

bluff where a new street is being built. Ship canal will be filled from Riverview drive east. Portion of canal west of Riverview is still a federal waterway and will remain open. (Staff photo)

Babies Selling Bricks In BH Fund Drive

New Church Building Planned

Members of Union Memorial African Methodist Episcopal church, Benton Harbor, are holding a "baby-brick contest" as part of a building fund program to build a sanctuary for the congregation. Their goal is a million bricks at 25 cents each to raise \$250,000.

The contest has been in progress since early December, and thus far has produced pledges

of \$3,400, or enough to purchase 13,600 bricks. The contest is being held in conjunction with separate drives in other church departments toward the single goal. The Sunday school department has already purchased 4,000 bricks, and the choir and individuals in the congregation have so far pledged purchases of 1,200 bricks.

"Buy a brick from a baby"

is the contest slogan, and 17 "babies" from 4 months to 7 years of age are entered in the fund drive contest. The contest will end with final tabulations at the church's Banyon Hall Sunday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m., when the babies, according to Mrs. C. Wesley Gordon, chairman, will "do their thing." Those too young to really participate will be represented by their families in the program. The number of bricks brought from and in the name of the babies entered in the contest will determine the winning baby, whose name will appear on a plaque in the proposed sanctuary.

The public is invited to attend the program.

'Dollar Day' Sale Opens In St. Joseph

Hundreds of shoppers, most of them women, swarmed through downtown St. Joseph today to open the four-day Dollar Day festival of bargains.

Gaylon Rahn, chairman of the St. Joseph Business Division, said the sale would continue through Saturday.

Dollar Days have become a tradition and the first such event of the year has drawn shoppers from a wide area. Rahn said practically all stores in downtown St. Joseph have offered exceptional bargains.

New Snow Plagues Michigan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fresh layer of thick, wet snow was dumped across most of Lower Michigan today, clogging many roads, causing hazardous driving and forcing some schools to close.

Temperatures hovered around the freezing mark causing the large flakes to turn to slush on many roads. Up to two inches of new snow was predicted for the Lower Peninsula with snow showers ending in the afternoon.

Schools were closed in the Milan District in Washtenaw and Monroe counties and in the Stockbridge District in Ingham County.

Traffic was slowed to a crawl on most Detroit expressways.

Most Michigan roads are snow-covered and slippery. The only major thoroughfares remaining clear are in the thumb and I-75 at Bay City.

The Upper Peninsula can expect a partial clearing in the west and central portions with a chance of snow flurries near Lake Superior, said the weatherman.

VISIT ENDED

THREE OAKS — Mrs. Ethyl (Savin) Dunhoffer has returned home after a three months visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson in Bridgewater, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson accompanied Mrs. Dunhoffer to Three Oaks and spent a few days with her mother and an aunt, Mrs. Edna Seifert.

Model Cities Unit Officers Re-Elected

Two officers of the Community Progress Commission (CPC) of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program were re-elected to new terms Tuesday, the program office reported.

Silas Legg was re-elected vice-chairman and Louis Joseph was re-elected secretary during a short CPS luncheon session in Howard Johnson's restaurant, M-139.

The elections completed a re-organization of the 14-month-old commission which is overseeing development of the plan to improve the Model Cities neighborhood. George Welch was elected as chairman Jan. 15 to succeed Richard Peters. Peters relinquished the position voluntarily. He remains a commission member.

Food Co-op Meeting Due Thursday

A meeting for persons interested in cooperative food buying will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Tri-County Community Action program offices, 720 East Main street, Benton Harbor.

Harold Charles of the Co-operative League of Chicago and Arden Hydahle, a rural co-operative specialist, will explain various co-op programs and methods.

A food co-op was launched here late last year by Tri-CAP.

Applicants For UCF Post Sought

Referral Service Planned Here

The Twin Cities Area Community Services Council is seeking applicants for the position of director of the new community information and referral center.

Mrs. Edwin Irgens, chairman of the CSC information and referral implementation committee, said today that candidates should submit a written resume of their qualifications to Richard V. Barrie in the United Community Fund office, 305 Lake boulevard, St. Joseph.

The Community Services Council, the planning division of UCF, hopes to hire a director within a few weeks and begin the program shortly thereafter, Mrs. Irgens said. The position of director will be on a part-time basis for several months but is expected to develop into a full-time job later in the year, she added.

Mrs. Irgens indicated that the primary qualifications for the job are a knowledge of Twin Cities area social service resources and experience in social work, teaching or a similar related field. Preference will be given to a present resident of the Twin Cities area.

The center will be aimed at providing citizens with information on available health, welfare and recreational services in the community. At present, no existing organization serves in such a "clearing house" capacity. The Community Services Council has been seeking for more than a year to develop such a program.

Serving with Mrs. Irgens on her committee are Mrs. Thomas Goodgame, John P. Gieszer, Donald Lorton, Henry Bays, Dr. Jerry Solloway, Benjamin H. Davis II and Miss Mary Meyer.

THE FIRST: Construction is underway on new building for Ferguson Welding Supply company. It is the first building to go

up in the Pipestone Industrial District, Benton township. Completion is expected early in the spring.

Executives Are Named By Development Corp.

Industrial Park Progress Made

Two directors were elected to the board of directors of the Twin Cities Area Development Corporation at the annual meeting yesterday.

They are Robert Hammer, vice president and general manager of Paramount Die Casting Corporation, and William Smits, a partner in the accounting firm of Herkner, Smits, Miskill and Johnson.

The newly-elected directors succeed Warren Gast, general manager of Gast Manufacturing company and Robert Warrack, executive vice president of Benton Harbor Malleable Industries.

The corporation, manager and owner of the 522-acre Pipestone Industrial District in Benton township, is a division of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. It was formed in 1965 as a nonprofit organization

and has 331 stockholders. Purpose of the corporation is to promote the area by luring new industries to locate in the district.

Roger H. Curry, secretary of the corporation, said 1969 will be remembered as a year of progress, with the sale of the first two tracts of land in the district. The first was sold to Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. in March and the second to Ferguson Welding Supply Co. in September.

In addition to the sales, an engineering study was completed this year. Construction on a sanitary sewer system is tentatively scheduled for spring 1970, with detailed engineering now in process, he said.

Construction has begun on the first building in the district. It will accommodate the operations of Ferguson Welding Sup-

ply Co. Completion is expected early this spring, with anticipated occupancy by April 1st.

AUDIT REVIEWED

The directors reviewed the audit of the corporation. The financial statement shows \$1,901,621.85 as total assets with \$1,714,592 of that amount as the cost of the land. Pledges to be collected were listed as \$55,879.70 with \$32,000 written off as uncollectable, leaving \$23,879 in pledges still to be collected.

Under liabilities \$12,114.50 was entered as interest on a participation loan of \$317,000 due in 1972. Another note in the amount of \$61.20 is due in 1974. Reserve for land development costs was shown as \$1,039,302 on the liability side of the balance sheet.

Other directors are John Banyon, Indiana & Michigan Electric company; H. Thomas Dewhirst, House of David Cold Storage; Eitel Eberhardt, Inter City bank; James Huntington, Jr., Clark Equipment company; Norbert Kent, Canteen company of Southwestern Michigan; Ray Neighbours, Whirlpool corporation and Richard Willard, Farmers & Merchants National bank.

Curry said officers of the corporation will be elected by the new board of directors at the next meeting.



ROBERT HAMMER



WILLIAM SMITS

'POORE' KIDS Border Collie Wanders Off

The Poore children are feeling poorly, said their mother, Mrs. Richard Poore of 571 Eloise drive, Fairplain.

Mrs. Poore explained the reason for the distress was disappearance Monday of their Border Collie, "Whistle." He's black and white, weighs about 20 pounds and is "just too dog-gone friendly," said Mrs. Poore.

She believes Whistle may have followed some children on their way home from school. Border Collies are smaller than the standard size. Whistle has no identification because he's not old enough for a license.

Lansingite Dies In Narcotic Raid

LANSING (AP)—Douglas Reed, 36, of Lansing, died Monday of gunshot wounds inflicted last Thursday night in a shootout with police during a drug raid.

Sodus Will Send Funds

The Sodus township board last night distributed delinquent taxes collected from July through November of last year to the school districts in the township.

A total of \$4,355 was distributed to the following districts: Benton Harbor, \$4,243; River, \$98; and Eau Claire, \$14. In other business, the board received a letter from the Sodus Blossom queen contest committee inviting the board to a businessmen's luncheon on Thursday. The luncheon is being held to create more interest in the contest and local activities. It will be held at the township hall from 12 to 1 p.m. Most board members indicated they plan to attend.

General fund bills totaling \$169 and fire bills totaling \$1,248 were approved for payment.

NORTHERN TRIP

PULLMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Duane Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Meyers, Jr., of Pullman spent the weekend at Houghton lake.

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CASS PROJECT IN LIMBO: WAITS U.S. GRANT

Clearing Tracks Is
Job For Specialists

BIG DECISION: Trainmaster Arthur Gillette (left) and William Ritzheim, wrecker foreman, examine cargo inventory before deciding how to handle derailed train cars.

C&O Crew
Always
On CallDerailment Near
Fennville Shows
Off Fast Action

FENNVILLE — The derailment near here this month of four cars of a freight train brought immediate response from a special crew with special skills.

This is the wrecker crew of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, headquartered in Grand Rapids but dispatched within a 200-mile radius to remove derailed trains to clear tracks after accidents.

William Ritzheim, wrecker foreman, said his five-car unit is available 24 hours a day and all crewmen are on 24-hour call. Ritzheim said 10 crew members are the only ones trained to use the heavy equipment needed to re-rail a derailed train. This means that even on days off all must leave a phone number where they can be reached. And all must reside in Grand Rapids.

ON JOB 20 YEARS — When a call comes, the crew and its equipment move to the derailment scene, joined by other men to repair tracks. The method of clean-up is determined by Ritzheim, a veteran with 20 years' experience.

"Which way are they (train cars) piled?" ponders Ritzheim en route to the wreck scene. He said this determines how the clean-up job will be handled.

Before Ritzheim can supervise moving a freight car, he must know the cargo and its weight. This information is supplied by the trainmaster. Arthur Gillette of Grandville is C&O trainmaster for the stretch of track through Fennville. Gillette, who has been with C&O for 32 years, also checks cargo damage and files reports. Another duty is to inform the wrecking crew how much working time it has between trains. Gillette gives careful attention to the type of cargo involved. If there's a question on safety in removal, the manufacturer is contacted.

NOT DANGEROUS

Cars derailed near here had a liquid from Dow Chemical Co. A check with Dow determined that the substance — cleaning fluid — would not be dangerous to workmen.

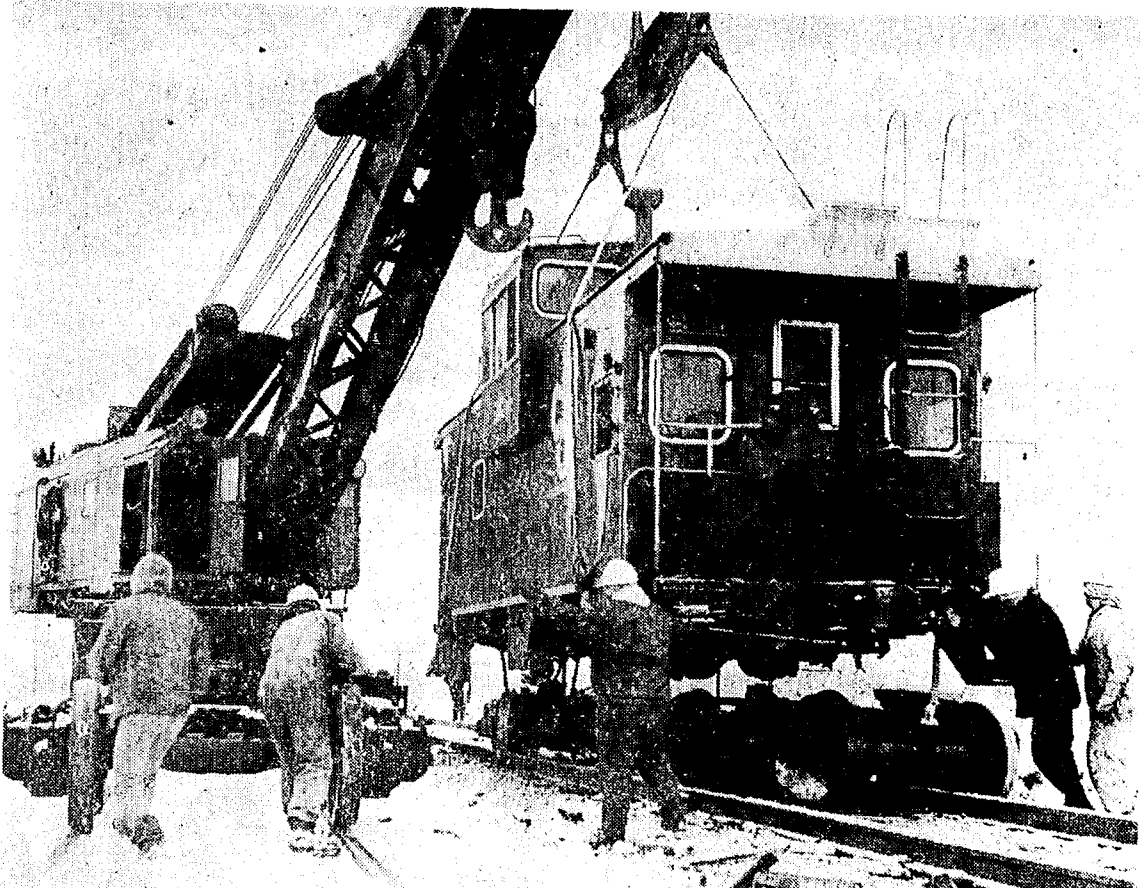
For the wrecking crew on the job, home is a kitchen car, complete with diner and sleeping bunks. Cook Leon Olewinski prepares meals for crewmen and trackmen alike. A noon meal for up to 35 men may include 40 pounds of roast beef, 30 pounds of potatoes, 14 pounds of vegetables and a salad made with four heads of lettuce.

Ritzheim recalls that the hardest clean-up job in Southwestern Michigan was in Holland during November, 1968. The men were on the job three days, after an 18-car derailment.

To Ritzheim, the worst clean-up of his career was near Freesole, Mich., when 14 cars had to be pulled from the Great Sable river. Because the derailment took out the bridge, work had to be done from a river bank, said Ritzheim.

Permanent members of the authority, for so long as it is in existence, will be the county treasurer and the county tax equalization director. Three county residents will be named when the commissioners meet Feb. 10. They will have terms of one to three years.

The building authority was given serious consideration after commissioners in late 1969 learned of the estimated costs of the proposed building: about \$355,000 for lease-purchase over a five-year period, and about \$530,000 for lease-purchase over



JOB FOR A GIANT: William Ritzheim (center) Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad wrecker foreman, directs skilled crewmen in operating 191-ton derrick

in lifting caboose after derailment this month near Fennville. (Prosch-Jensen photos)



DINER ON WHEELS: C & O wrecking crew members and track repairmen get meals on mobile diner, when on track-clearing job. Cook Leon Olewinski (left) may prepare up to 40 pounds of roast beef for typical noon meal.

Training
For Jobs
PlannedLocal Funds
Pledged For
Skill CenterBy SANDRA DRAKE
Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — Cass County's proposed Adult Skills Center for combatting poverty is in limbo until word is received on hoped for approval of a federal grant for \$70,000, according to Mrs. Barbara Grove, acting executive director.

The center's 13 board of directors, all representatives of civic, service and private organizations within the county, has applied for the grant to the Office of Economic Opportunity through Tri-CAP, the Tri-County Community Action program.

Private businesses, Southwestern Michigan college, the Dowagiac Union School District, Dowagiac Community Schools, the Lewis Cass Intermediate school district and private citizens have already pledged the 20 percent "in kind" contributions (building space, machinery, furniture, volunteer service) needed from the county level.

JOB TRAINING

Aimed at combatting poverty by training the disadvantaged with skills for jobs, the center leaders hope to open classes in April for 120 persons.

Meantime Mrs. Grove and other community leaders are trying to raise more money and informing the public of the skills center. The center is directed at providing the necessary skills retraining for displaced male and female workers and to develop pertinent vocational training and counseling for disadvantaged youth, both in and out of school.

Drop-outs, unemployed high school graduates, women of all ages who must support dependents and others who have never gone to school will be considered for training.

According to the center's proposal there are 1,500 persons potentially eligible for the program from information gathered by the county social service bureau, the Michigan Employment Security Commission and the OEO information center.

Circuit Court Judge James E. Hoff added his support to the establishment of the center:

"As a circuit judge, I grant or deny all divorces in Cass county and through the office of my friend of the Court have supervision and responsibility for the custody and support of all minor children under 18 years of age involved in divorce actions.

"We presently have 590 active cases we are servicing involving 1,205 children under 18. The dollar amount of support monies collected and disbursed by the friend of the court office during 1969 was \$523,519.51.

"Many of the fathers and mothers involved in these active cases could be motivated and helped through a local skills center."

He also wrote that in imposing sentences for criminal felony cases he is required to give fair consideration for probation instead of imprisonment.

"A most without exception one of the terms of probation is that the individual seek and maintain steady employment under the guidance of a probation officer."

"VALUABLE RESOURCE"

"A local skills center would be a most valuable resource."

Dowagiac Mayor James Burke added his support: "The City of Dowagiac, being the population center of this area, would be the most feasible area to start such a program to teach self-help to our disadvantaged citizens."

Contacts for these citizens will be made through the social services departments, the schools, courts, churches and person to person into Mrs. Grove, to get them into classes.

Upon entering the program a student will be tested and grouped for basic education classes with four hours per day spent in these courses and vocational training.

Also allotted each day will be group counseling and orientation to the world of work. The remaining hours of the day will be devoted to vocational classes or on the job training.

Classes will be taught in the Dowagiac school system, Southwestern Michigan college, private places of business with donated equipment and machinery or in the homes such as in cases of child care.

Three Oaks
Bonds OkayedSewage Disposal Project
Now Fully Funded

LANSING — The Michigan Municipal Finance commission approved Tuesday the issuance of \$591,350 in bonds, for construction of a sewage disposal system at Three Oaks in Berrien county.

The Berrien County Public Works board earlier this month announced approval of a \$188,650 state and federal grant to finance the remainder of the project. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$780,000.

The county board also announced that the sewer bonds would be sold at a higher eight per cent interest rate. Efforts to sell similar bonds last summer at six per cent interest resulted in no takers.

J. W. Wood
Services
ThursdayEx-Niles Mayor
Dies In Florida

NILES — Funeral services for Jerome W. Wood, a former mayor of Niles and president of Niles Steel Tank company, will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal church in Niles.

Mr. Wood, who resided at 2305 Wood road, Sumnerville, died Monday in Marathon, Fla., where he was visiting friends. He was 62 years old.

Wood served as a city alderman from 1940 to 1946, when he was elected mayor, a post held at one time both by his father and his grandfather. He served as mayor for four years.

He was born April 26, 1907, in Niles. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and joined Niles Steel Tank Company after serving four years as an engineer in Chile and six years as Berrien County Road Commission engineer.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Priscilla, are three daughters, Mrs. Barbara Hunziker of Niles, Miss Carolyn Wood of Bowling Green, Ky., and Mrs. Mary Jane Zabinski of Omaha, Neb.; his mother, Mrs. J. Walter Wood of Niles; and a brother, Reynold of Niles.

The Pifer funeral home in Niles is in charge of arrangements.

BIRTH REPORTED

BUCHANAN — Mrs. Ray Keefe of 313 North Detroit street, announces the birth of a new great-grandchild, born Jan. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wawrzynski of South Bend. The mother is the daughter of Mrs. Keefe's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keefe of South Bend.



JEROME W. WOOD

PAW PAW

Teen Center
Gets Backing
Of Jaycees

PAW PAW — The Jaycees here Tuesday night pledged their leadership and financial support to the establishment of a teen recreation center in this community.

"The Jaycees are completely behind the teen center," Paw Paw Jaycee President Jim Matson told several representatives from the high school. Proceeds from Jaycee-sponsored professional wrestling bouts to be held here Feb. 21 at the high school were promised as initial show for support for the teen center-lounge.

Matson also extended an invitation to other civic groups here to join Jaycees and Youth Council representatives in planning the center.

SURGICAL PATIENT

PULLMAN — Norman Price of Pullman who underwent surgery at the Allegan Health Center is back at home again.

State Funds
Pegged For
Area Schools

LANSING — State Rep. Don R. Fears (R-Buchanan) announced state aid payments to school districts in his 43rd district on Feb. 1 as follows:

St. Joseph school district, \$179,320; Lakeshore district, \$182,820; River Valley, \$117,420; Gallien township schools, \$59,210; New Buffalo area schools, \$78,520; Brandywine, \$189,010; Berrien Springs, \$136,650; Niles community schools, \$359,090; Buchanan schools, \$124,750; Bridgman schools, \$35,220; Cassopolis public schools, \$107,480; and Eau Claire school district, \$81,260.

Building Authority
Created In Van Buren

To Name Members Feb. 10

By STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — A five-man building authority was created here Tuesday by the Van Buren County commissioners (formerly supervisors).

Although the building authority's first duty will be to provide the plans and financial resources for a proposed county department of health building, the authority will not be limited to that task, according to John Tapper, supervisor from Paw Paw.

Permanent members of the authority, for so long as it is in existence, will be the county treasurer and the county tax equalization director. Three county residents will be named when the commissioners meet Feb. 10. They will have terms of one to three years.

The building authority was given serious consideration after commissioners in late 1969 learned of the estimated costs of the proposed building: about \$355,000 for lease-purchase over a five-year period, and about \$530,000 for lease-purchase over

a ten-year period.

Commissioners have maintained that rental for the proposed building, \$3,000 per month, can at present be handled within the county budget.

However, they say, if the county's state equalized value should drop, or the county's share — 5.15 mills — of the current tax levy be reduced, the building authority could issue bonds and spread a levy to meet county building rental and acquisition obligations.

In other action Tuesday, the commissioners:

—Voted to increase, beginning this year the retirement benefit rate for county employees, to one per cent, a boost of one quarter

of one per cent.

The increase is expected to cost the county about \$2,000 more per year, according to Earl V. Poulter, commissioner from Hartford.

The county allocated for 1970 about \$12,000 for its share of the annual contribution to the pension fund.

A county employee's annual pension can be computed by taking one per cent of the average salary of the five highest paid years and multiplying that result by the number of years employed.

Adopted a resolution empowering the purchasing committee to advertise for bids for three cruisers for the sheriff's department; one car for the Friend of the Court's office; and two autos for juvenile probation officers.

Adopted resolutions calling for federal and state investigation of relationship between prices farmers are paid for products and those consumers charged; and endorsement of President Richard Nixon's attempts to curb inflation.

SURGERY PATIENT

THREE OAKS — Miss Nedra Schopbach underwent major surgery on Monday of this week in the St. Anthony hospital, Michigan City, Ind. Miss Schopbach had been hospitalized for a week prior to surgery.

First-Year
Case Total
Is 10,944Van Buren Judge
Gives '69 Report

PAW PAW — Seventh District court here in Van Buren County handled 10,944 traffic, civil and criminal cases in 1969.

District Court Judge Luther J. Daines of Paw Paw gave the summary of the district court's first year of operation to the Van Buren County Commissioners Tuesday.

Total fees received by the two district courts amounted to \$198,827, while expenditures were \$109,668, according to the statistics compiled by Daines and Judge Donald M. Goodwillie, Jr., of South Haven.

But Daines added that he and Goodwillie hope county officials do not place a financial solvency priority above the obligation of the courts.

"We feel," Daines said, "that the work of the district court is more important than the money it takes in."

But he added that he and Goodwillie realize the importance of the "financial side" of the courts and costs to maintain them.

In the summary, Daines told commissioners that there were 8,340 traffic, 1,534 criminal, and 1,070 civil cases either transferred from justice of the peace courts or initiated in district courts in 1969.

Of the totals, he said, 7,271 traffic, 1,221 criminal and 490 civil cases were disposed of during the year.

FEE DISTRIBUTION

Fees received included by the courts were deposited to several funds, Daines said, including: \$108,554 to the county general fund; \$62,576 to the county library fund; and \$29,686 divided among the county municipalities and the state.

Among expenses for the courts in 1969 were \$48,886 paid in salaries, \$8,952 in jury fees and \$7,935 in witness fees.

Total court expenses in 1969 came to \$109,666. County commissioners had budgeted \$74,700. The budget for district courts this year is \$94,750.

Fire Chief
Re-Elected

COLOMA — Leonard Dolezan was re-elected Coloma fire chief at the annual meeting of the Coloma Fire department.

Other officers elected are Edward Yeske, assistant chief; William Bale, captain; Gordon Umphrey, chief engineer; Homer Umphrey, first assistant engineer; Allen Strejcek, second assistant engineer; Fred Zoschke, treasurer, and Rudy Appel, secretary.